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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of a very unusual term, I would like to express once again my thanks to you all for your support, encouragement and understanding with the changes we have had to make to ensure we keep our school running smoothly. Next week I will be sending a letter out outlining some tweaks we will be making in school to our risk assessment from January.



Christmas in school is very different this year and we have certainly missed having families in school for our Christmas concerts. I hope the recordings of the children performing some songs for you will go some way to making up for missed concerts. I know the children have loved learning and performing the songs.

Next week, we have tried to ensure the children still have lots of Christmas fun albeit under tighter restrictions to normal. We have Christmas dinner, the online pantomime, party day and toy day to look forward to.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Year R

Christmas has certainly arrived in Reception! The children have been working really hard learning songs for our Christmas performance, we hope you will enjoy them.

We have been re-telling and sequencing the Christmas story and have been developing our crafting and cutting skills when making cards and decorations.

In Maths we have been using the part, part, whole method to make different numbers, for example 6 can be made by $5+1$, $4+2$, $3+3$ etc.

The children have worked really hard this term and we are very proud of their achievements. We are looking forward to having fun next week, watching the pantomime and playing games on party day. We wish you all a restful and very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



Year 1

Linked to our topic on Seasons, Year One have been very busy finding out about hibernation. They have discovered where different creatures like to hibernate and what they do to prepare for their winter sleep! We also had a lovely time learning from each other last Friday. Each class shared and presented information to each other on a different season. 1SL researched some facts on summer, 1Ir on spring and 1Fu on winter. Super! In Maths, Year One have been working very hard on combining groups of ten and ones to make teen numbers with Dienes, and also drawing jottings (pictures) of the numbers. Toward the end of last week they were adding two digit and single numbers together like $12 + 4 =$ and $21 + 22 = \dots$ Well done Year One! We are are looking forward to singing our Christmas songs for families for on our recorded performances next week.



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been developing our knowledge of the four main operations in maths; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been learning all about the relationships between the operations and using number families to help us solve complex problems. For example - $17 + 3 = 20$ so $20 - 3 = 17$. This was really tricky to start with but over time we worked out the number patterns. In topic we have been busy writing evacuee letters, we pretended that we were in our new homes and we were writing a letter to our mum telling her all about our new experiences. We have also been very busy learning Christmas songs to sing for our families and making Christmas hats to wear for our recorded performance; we can't wait for you to watch them.



Christmas Cards.

We are not able to accept any cards into school to be distributed after today - Friday 11th December.



Pantomime - Wednesday 16th December

Classes have been invited to watch a special virtual Pantomime - Cinderella on Wednesday 16th December. Children will be provided with a drink and snacks. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas hat, headband or tinsel.



School Christmas Dinner Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner day is by pre-order which have now been ordered.



Party Day Thursday 17th December

We will be holding a party day for the children in their classrooms on Thursday 17th December where they will take part in party games and have lots of Christmas fun.

Children may wear party clothes on this day but clothing and footwear must be appropriate for playing outside.



Arrangements for the last day of term Friday 18th December

Toy Day

On the last day of term (Friday 18th December) we are giving the children the opportunity to bring a toy or game in from home to play with on this day. **However, as a result of the current situation, we need toys to be in school by the start of the day on Tuesday 15th December** in order that we can quarantine them before children use them on the Friday. Children are welcome to bring them in on the Monday or the Tuesday, whichever suits you best. **We will not be able to accept any toys into school after the start of the day on Tuesday 15th December.**

As always, please don't send anything in that has lots of small pieces that could get lost, anything very expensive or precious. Consideration will also need to be given to the fact that whichever toy your child chooses they will not be able to play with it between it coming into school and the last day of term.

School dinner on Friday 18th December will be a plated hot and cold Christmas buffet lunch.

Children should wear school uniform on the last day of term.



Friends of Nathaniel Newton (Formerly PTA).

Christmas Raffle Draw

The raffle draw will take place today.
Winners will be contacted to collect their prizes.

Winning ticket numbers will be published in the next newsletter.



Friends of Nathaniel Newton would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas.



let's do the
right thing
for Warwickshire

Covid-19 - Control the virus



By wearing a face covering



By getting a test and self-isolating
if we have symptoms



By keeping our distance



Children in Need

Thank you for all the donations for
Children in Need which totalled
£188.95.



Open Day Virtual Tour

Our virtual open day of the school is now
available on the school website under the
'Our School' section and on our school
facebook page.



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S
POPPY APPEAL

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:
Nathaniel Newton Infant School

Amount raised:
£220.50

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,
past and present.

EVERY **POPPY** COUNTS

Respect Key
Nathaniel Poppy Appeal Organiser
2020 November 2021



Stars



The following children received a prize for 'stars' -

100 Stars

Charlie 1Ir, Laila Rose 1Ir, Holly 1SL.

300 Stars

George 2McG, Brooke 2McG.

Pupil of the Week

2Fo	-
2Bi	-
2McG	Oliver
1Fu	Archie
1Ir	Luke
1SL	Teya
RDH	Cean
RHu	Millicent
RLo	Freddie

Please do not arrive on the school site before 8.30 am in the morning to bring children to school and not arrive before 2.40 pm in the afternoon to collect children.

Parents should only arrive on the school grounds 10 minutes before your child's class bubble starts and finishes school.

Cars can be manoeuvring on the driveway and car park before these times which makes it very dangerous for families coming into school.

Please do not allow children to run around our neighbours gardens and cars. Please keep children with you at all times whilst waiting to come into school and on the school grounds.

Reminder - if children are late and year group doors are open please join the back of the queue to go into school.

Child Absent from School

It is really important that we know why your child is absent from school. When you leave us a message please include what your child's symptoms are please.

If your child is absent please let the school know as early as possible but by 9.30 am at the latest. There is an absence message line on telephone system. Please ring the school on 02476 392236 and to report a child absent please press 1 and leave a message on the absence line. Alternatively you can send us a message on the MyEd app.

The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forshew, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.



School Closure Procedures



In the event of school having to close due to bad weather or for any other reason, first thing in the morning or during the school day.

- We will update our website home page to reflect this information.
- We will update our school Facebook page to reflect this information.
- A number of local radio stations including Free Radio www.freeradio.co.uk will display up to date closure information.
- You can also sign up for free text message alerts at -

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

If you log on to this website, it also gives a list of school closures. (If you do not hear our school mentioned on free radio or on the website, our school and Links will be OPEN.)

School MyEd App Message Service

We have our School MyEd App messaging service so you may get a message from school if school is closed. (School only). The message will go to the first contact on your child's contact sheet and to the mobile number so please ensure we have your correct mobile number.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE SCHOOL.



Important - Out of hours Covid19 positive test reporting line

If your child should receive a POSITIVE Covid19 test result when the school is closed (between 4.15pm - 8am and during the weekend, please call the following number to report this so we can take the make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible.

07726 611994

This number will be constantly monitored between 6am - 11pm but should be used **ONLY** for reporting positive cases. If the school is open please ring the school number 02476392236.

Important information if you are applying for a school place for your child for -

Admissions into school for Reception in September 2021

OR

Year 2 transfer to Junior School in September 2021.

Please apply online at - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool.
Closing date for applications is - **Friday 15th January 2021.**

All information is on the Warwickshire website -

There is a link on the admissions website to an information leaflet which Warwickshire recommend that parents read - please click on the link - Warwickshire County Council Admissions Arrangements for 2021. You must attach a copy of your proof of address eg current Council Tax Bill.

If your child has **sickness or diarrhoea** they cannot come to school for 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped.

Grants to families on low incomes raising disabled or seriously ill children

Family Fund is a UK-wide charity providing grants for essential items to families on low incomes raising disabled or seriously ill children. The Department for Education has provided Family Fund with additional funding to support more families through the pandemic, and families are encouraged to apply for grants for items that can help their child including computers, sensory toys, clothes and family breaks.



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and parents to share this commitment



The next newsletter will be in the New year.

Newsletters are sent to parents via the MyEd App. You will receive an App message with a link to access the newsletter on the school website. Paper copies of newsletters and letters are available from the entrance by the school office, or under the News and Events section on the home page on our school website. The current newsletter is available on the bottom of the home page on the website - www.nathanielnewton.co.uk.

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School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



(Week 1) w/c Mondays 14.12.

Hot Deli

Cold Deli

Jacket Potato

Monday	Chicken fillet wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Jacket Potato *
Tuesday	Veggie hot dog	Turkey wrap	Jacket Potato *
Wednesday	Christmas Dinner Day		
Thursday	Hot dog	Roast chicken soft bap	Jacket Potato *
Friday	Christmas Plated Buffet selection	Christmas Plated Buffet selection	

* Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans.

New Menus for after Christmas holidays will be sent home to parents.



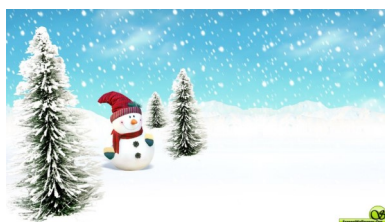
We wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2021.



Term dates - school year 2020 - 2021



Wednesday 16th December	- Virtual Pantomime.
Wednesday 16th December	- Christmas Dinner Day.
Thursday 17th December	- Party Day - see in newsletter.
Friday 18th December	- Toy Day - see in newsletter.
Friday 18th December	- Christmas - Plated Christmas buffet school dinner.
Friday 18th December	- We break up for Christmas Holidays.
Monday 4th January 2021	- Designated Staff Training Day - School closed to children.
Tuesday 5th January	- Children return to school.
Friday 12th February	- We break up for half term.
Monday 22nd February	- Children return to school.
Thursday 1st April	- Children break up for Easter Holidays.
Monday 19th April	- Children return to school.
Friday 30th April	- Staff Training Day - School closed to children
Monday 3rd May	- Bank Holiday - school closed.
Friday 28th May	- We break up for half term.
Monday 7th June	- Staff Training Day - School closed to children.
Tuesday 8th June	- Children return to school.
Wednesday 21st July 2021	- Children break up for Summer Holidays.



Important information

Can I remind everyone that it is incredibly important that everyone follows guidelines and if any member of the family develop symptoms, that the whole family self-isolate whilst they await a test for the family member displaying symptoms. By doing this we can endeavour to stop cases coming into school.

It is also important that if you child is unwell you keep them at home - guidance at the minute is to be cautious where you feel your child is a little under the weather.

We have been asked by Public Health to reiterate that all the evidence is suggesting that adults are the main transmitters of coronavirus and not children as many people believe. There have been incidences across the county where adults have been displaying symptoms but have still sent children to school. They have then only then kept them at home when they receive a positive test result. The guidance states if any family member develops symptoms the whole household self isolates until the test result is known.

I thank all those families who are supporting us by following guidance to the letter - if everyone does this we can hopefully contain the spread of Covid-19.